

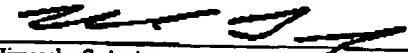
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Dear Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments below.

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Claims 1-24 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration.

Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview of July 13, 2004. As suggested by the Examiner, claims 1-9, 13, 17 and 22-24 have been amended herein to recite an applicable use of software installation of configurable data elements into target data sets so as to place the application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, in view of the teleconference and the herein amendments, the rejection of claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Template Software Corporation's SNAP 8.0 is moot, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and, a prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited. In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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